

Yosemite Guide

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

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El Capitan Shuttle

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Parking

Picnic Area

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Yosemite Village

Yosemite Lodge

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Lower Yosemite Fall

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Lower River Amphitheater

The Ahwahnee

Housekeeping Camp

LeConte Memorial Lodge

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Curry Village

Upper Pines

North Pines

Mirror Lake seasonal

Vernal Fall

Mist Trail

Four Mile Trail closed in winter

Sentinel Beach

Swinging Bridge

Chapel

Cathedral Beach

El Capitan Picnic Area

Valley Loop Trail

A portion of the trail past Mirror Lake is closed due to rockfall. Please observe posted signs.

Service to stops 15, 16, 17, and 18 may stop after a major snowfall.

Glacier Point no shuttle service closed in winter 7214 ft 2199m

The Valley Visitor Shuttle operates from 7 am to 10 pm and serves stops in numerical order. Shuttles run daily every 10 to 20 minutes depending on time of day. Overnight service available by calling 209/372-1001.

The El Capitan Shuttle operates from 9 am to 6 pm. Shuttles run daily every 30 minutes. No overnight service available.

The Express Shuttle operates from 9 am to 6 pm. Shuttles run daily every 20 minutes. No overnight service available.

Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location
1 P1	Visitor Parking	8 YARS	Yosemite Lodge	16	Happy Isles
2 10	Yosemite Village	11	Sentinel Bridge	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
3 YARS	The Ahwahnee	12	LeConte / Housekeeping Camp	18	Stable
4	Degnan's Deli	13a 21	Recreation Rentals	19	Pines Campgrounds
5 9 E1 P2 YARS	Valley Visitor Center	13b YARS	Curry Village	E3	El Capitan Picnic Area
6	Lower Yosemite Fall	14 20	Curry Village Parking	E4	El Capitan Bridge
7 E2	Camp 4	15	Upper Pines Campground	E5	Four Mile Trailhead

National Park Service, PO Box 577, Yosemite, CA 95389

Things to Do

Keep this Guide with you to get the most out of your visit

What do you want to do with your special time in Yosemite? The choice is yours, but to give you some ideas, here are 12 popular activities for a day in Yosemite National Park.

Walk to a Waterfall

Yosemite Valley is famous for its awe-inspiring waterfalls; each as distinct as the granite cliffs they dive over. While Yosemite Falls may be dry by August, Bridalveil, Vernal, and Nevada Falls flow all year. (See page 17 for hiking information.)

Explore a Sequoia Grove

Meet the most massive trees on earth as you explore a giant sequoia grove. Yosemite is home to three groves—the Mariposa Grove, which contains hundreds of sequoias, and the Tuolumne and Merced Groves, which each hold dozens. (See page 2 for a map of the park.)

See Sunset from Glacier Point

Glacier Point provides a superb view of Half Dome, towering more than 3,000 feet above Yosemite Valley. Witness the sunset, as it lights up the cliff face, from Glacier Point (or from other points in Yosemite Valley). Listen in on a sunset talk with a ranger at Glacier Point.

Visit the other valley, Hetch Hetchy
“Almost an exact counterpart of the Yosemite...a visit to its counterpart may be recommended, if it be only to see how curiously nature has repeated herself.”
-Josiah D. Whitney.

Hetch Hetchy provides spectacular vistas, waterfalls, and early season hiking. (See page 2 for a park map and area information.)

Drive to Olmsted Point

Take in the spectacular panoramic view from this scenic turnout on the Tioga Road: Tenaya Canyon, granite peaks and domes, and Tenaya Lake with Mt. Conness in the background. (See page 2 for a park map and area information.)



You can bring your own bike or rent in the Valley. See the bottom of pages 4 and 15 for bicycle rental information. NPS photo by Erik Skindrud

Bring Your Yosemite Guide With You!

The list on this page offers 12 popular things to do. The table of contents (“What’s Inside...”) at lower right shows where you can turn for more information. Program listings (by area) are on pages 6, 7, 9, and 11.

Travel Back in Time

Visit Wawona’s Pioneer Yosemite History Center and join “Buckshot” for a horse-drawn stage ride! These 10-minute rides introduce you to an early chapter in Yosemite’s history and are fun for the whole family. (See pages 8 and 9 for history center and other program information.)

Stroll with a Ranger

Learn about the wonders of the park on a ranger-guided stroll. Programs are offered daily throughout the park on a variety of topics including waterfalls, trees, bears, geology, Yosemite Indians, and more. (See area program grids on pages 6, 7, 9, and 11.)

Take a Photography Class

Learn how to best capture the landscape of Yosemite by joining a photography expert from the Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week. Learn more and sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See pages 6 and 7 for times and meeting places.)

Discover the Night Sky

Attend the “Starry Skies Over Yosemite Valley” for a wild ride through the universe to learn about stars, constellations, planets, meteors, and other night sky features, all from the comfort of Yosemite Valley. Sign up at any tour desk (see page 4 for locations).

Go to the Theater

Yosemite Theatre LIVE offers entertainment and inspiration through a variety of live theater performances that bring Yosemite’s history to life. Discover the world of John Muir and other characters from the park’s rich history. (See page 7 for shows and starting times.)

Have Fun with the Family

Learn about Yosemite, meet a park ranger, and have a blast by becoming a Yosemite Junior Ranger or Yosemite Little Cub. Check in with any visitor center to find out how. Stop by the Nature Center at Happy Isles for another great place to explore with the family. (See page 12 for the Jr. Ranger Page.)

Visit the Yosemite Museum

Learn about Yosemite Indians by exploring a museum collection that includes remarkable woven baskets and traditional dress. Tour the outdoor Indian Village or talk with an Indian cultural demonstrator. The Yosemite Museum is located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See page 5 for museum hours and a list of gallery events and features.)



Western tanagers are summer visitors to Yosemite from Mexico and Central America. Illustration by Lauren Hamilton

Emergency: Dial 911

Road, Weather, and Park Information:
www.nps.gov/yose or 209/372-0200

Sudden changes in weather are common in the Sierra Nevada. Call the number above or check at a visitor center for the most recent weather forecast.

Lost and Found

To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite’s restaurants, hotels, lounges, shuttle buses, or tour services, call 209/372-4357. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call 209/379-1001.

Access for People With Disabilities



The *Yosemite Accessibility Guide* is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm. Accessible parking spaces are available just west of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. To reach these, enter the Valley on Southside Drive. Turn left on Sentinel Drive. Turn left on Northside Drive, and follow the blue-and-white signs.

A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Call 209/372-0296 to request an interpreter. Advance notice of at least 2 days is requested. Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request. Inquire at a visitor center.

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Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Entrance Fees

Reservations are NOT required to enter Yosemite. The park is open year-round, 24 hours/day.

Vehicle	\$20
Valid for 7 days	

Individual **\$10**
In a bus, on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, or horse. Valid for 7 days.

Yosemite Pass **\$40**
Valid for one year in Yosemite.

Interagency Annual Pass \$80
Valid for one year at all federal recreation sites.

Interagency Senior Pass \$10
(Lifetime)
For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.

Interagency Access Pass (Free)
(Lifetime)
For permanently disabled U.S.
citizens or permanent residents.

Reservations

Campground Reservations
877/444-6777
www.recreation.gov

Lodging Reservations
801/559-5000
www.yosemitepark.com

Regional Info

**Yosemite Area Regional
Transportation System
(YARTS) www.yarts.com**

Highway 120 West
Yosemite Chamber of Commerce
800/449-9120 or 209/962-0429
Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau
800/446-1333
www.thegreatunfenced.com

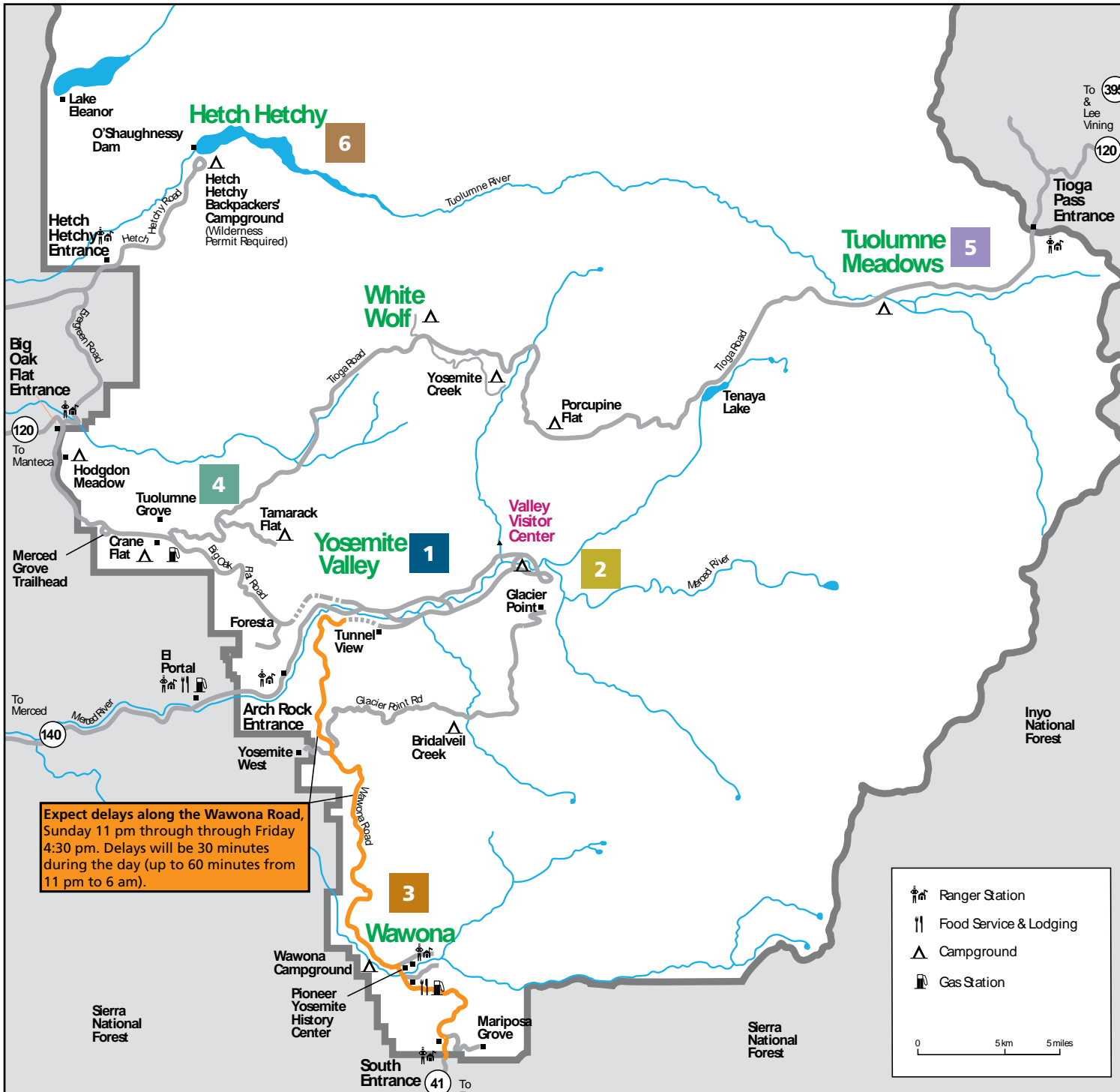
Highway 41
Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau
559/683-4636
www.yosemitethisyear.com

Highway 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
209/878-3074

Highway 140/49
Yosemite Mariposa Tourism Bureau
866/425-3366 or 209/966-7081
www.homeofyosemite.com

Highway 120 East
Lee Vining Chamber of
Commerce and Mono Lake
Visitor Center, 760/647-6629
www.leevining.com

Calif. Welcome Center, Merced
800/446-5353 or 209/724-8104
www.yosemite-gateway.org



Yosemite Valley

1 Yosemite Valley, open all year, is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. You can get there via Highway 41/Wawona Road from Fresno, Highway 140/El Portal Road from Merced, Highway 120 west/Big Oak Flat Road from Manteca, and (during summer) via the Tioga Road/Highway 120 east from Lee Vining. Yosemite Valley is home to massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls slows to a trickle by August, a moderate hike will bring you to impressive Vernal and Nevada Falls. Walk to Mirror Lake, where you will see reflections of Half Dome. Gaze up at El Capitan, a massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the valley by foot, bike, car, on horseback, raft, or tour, you will behold scenery that will leave you breathless and eager to see what's around the next corner.



Mirror Lake and Mount Watkins. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Glacier Point

2 Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and the Yosemite’s high country, is located 30 miles (a one-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley or Wawona. To get there from either of these places, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), to Chinquapin, then turn onto Glacier Point Road. Glacier Point Road is usually open from late May through sometime in November. Be prepared for 30-minute construction delays (60 minutes at night) on the Wawona Road Sunday evening through Friday evening. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating—some might say unnerving—view 3,214 feet down to Yosemite Valley below.



View from Glacier Point at sunset. *Photo by Christine White Loberg*

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

3 The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1 ¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park’s South Entrance. Be prepared for 30-minute construction delays (60 minutes at night) on the Wawona Road Sunday evening through Friday evening. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite. Enjoy a horse-drawn stage ride, watch blacksmiths at work at the blacksmith shop, or hike one of the scenic trails. For more information, visit the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio, adjacent to the historic Wawona Hotel. This was once a painting studio for the 19th-century artist Thomas Hill. The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is a short drive or help reduce congestion by taking the free shuttle from the Wawona Store.



The Mariposa Grove Museum. *Photo by Pam Meierding*

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Grove

4 Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. It is usually open from late May or early June through sometime in November. The road’s elevation ranges from 6,200 to nearly 10,000 feet, so it offers an opportunity to experience many of Yosemite’s habitats. The White Wolf area, midway across the park, is the starting point for day hikes to Lukens Lake and Harden Lake. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the grove. Or, park at Merced Grove trailhead on Big Oak Flat Road and walk 1.5 steep miles down to the grove. (Remember: walking down is easier than walking back up.) These groves are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off-limits to vehicles.



Clouds Rest and Half Dome as seen from the Tioga Road at Olmsted Point. *Photo by Victoria Mates*

Tuolumne Meadows

5 Tuolumne Meadows provides a glimpse of the High Sierra and the Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River, which winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by even higher granite domes and peaks. It is the starting point for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. Stop at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center for information about hiking to Cathedral Lakes, Elizabeth Lake, Dog Lake, Lembert Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. Take advantage of the free shuttle service in Tuolumne Meadows or the Tuolumne Meadows Tour and Hikers’ Bus from Yosemite Valley.



Bridge over the Tuolumne River at Tuolumne Meadows. *Photo by John Sun*

Hetch Hetchy

6 Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the city of San Francisco, is also home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. Due to its importance as a municipal water supply, no fishing or swimming is permitted. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles from Yosemite Valley. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open 7 am to 9 pm May 1 through Labor Day, with reduced hours during the rest of the year. Hetch Hetchy Road is accessible via the Big Oak Flat Road and Evergreen Road and is approximately a 1 ¼-hour drive from Yosemite Valley. Trailers, vehicles over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not allowed on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



Hetch Hetchy. *Photo by Erik Skindrud*



Wilderness Travel Basics

The Yosemite Wilderness provides outstanding opportunities for solitude in a beautiful setting. In order to avoid overcrowding and reduce impacts, a trailhead quota system limits the number of backpackers entering each trailhead each day. Of the daily quota for a trailhead,

60 percent can be reserved ahead of time, while the remaining 40 percent is available on a first-come, first-served basis one day prior to, or the same day as, the beginning of your hike. See page 14 for more information.

Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park



The Incomparable Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley embraces one of the world’s most outstanding concentrations of waterfalls, granite walls, meadows, wildflowers, and trees. The Valley also harbors a rich collection of human stories, from American Indian lore to the birth of the national park movement.

Yosemite Valley

An unlimited array of possibilities await you in Yosemite Valley. Most involve sightseeing and learning about the scenery. See pages 5, 6, and 7 for more information on program topics and visitor services.

Ranger Programs

Rangers give walks and talks every day about Yosemite’s natural and cultural history. See pages 6 and 7 for scheduled strolls, talks, and evening programs.

Walking and Hiking

From easy walks to Lower Yosemite Fall, Cook’s Meadow, and Mirror Lake, to strenuous hikes to the top of Yosemite Falls or Nevada Fall, Yosemite Valley has a wide range of walking and hiking possibilities. See page 17 for a list of hikes.

Bicycling

Several miles of bicycle paths wind through Yosemite Valley. You can use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village. Bikes are only allowed on paved bicycle paths.

Tours

(Tours listed below depart from Yosemite Lodge.)

- The **Valley Floor Tour** is a 26-mile, two-hour open-air tram tour narrated by a park ranger (weather

permitting). The tour departs Yosemite Lodge several times daily. Or, get an in-depth view of Yosemite Valley from an expert on a three-hour **Specialty Valley Floor Tour**. Topics vary from day to day.

- The **Glacier Point Tour** leaves Yosemite Lodge at 8:30 am, 10 am, and 1:30 pm daily when the Glacier Point Road is open. One-way tickets are available for those who want to hike down from Glacier Point.
- The **Grand Tour** includes the Valley, Glacier Point, and the Mariposa Grove. An experienced guide narrates each tour. The tour departs Yosemite Lodge at 8:45 am daily.

Call 209/372-4386 for reservations or inquire at the tour desks at Yosemite Lodge, Yosemite Village, Curry Village, and The Ahwahnee.

Mule & Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the stable near North Pines Campground. Stable hours are 7:30 am to 5 pm daily. Information: 209/372-8348 (reservations strongly recommended).

Sightseeing

Some of the famous landmarks in Yosemite Valley include:

- **Yosemite Falls** gives the Valley an extra touch of life when it’s flowing

with spring runoff. You can walk to its base or take the strenuous trail to its top (see page 17).

- **Half Dome**, Yosemite’s most distinctive monument, dominates most views in Yosemite Valley. Forces of uplift, erosion from rivers and glaciers, and rockfall all shaped this famous feature into what we see today. Cook’s Meadow, Sentinel Bridge, Tunnel View, and Glacier Point, are just a few locations with stunning views of Half Dome.
- **El Capitan**, a massive granite monolith, stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. From spring to fall, climbers come from all over the globe to scale El Capitan.
- **Happy Isles** is a place to see dramatic natural processes at work. It is easily reached by shuttle at stop #16 or by walking from Curry Village. Cross the footbridges onto the isles or wander through outdoor and indoor exhibits detailing Yosemite’s geologic story.
- **Tunnel View**, along Wawona Road (Hwy 41) provides a classic view of Yosemite Valley, El Capitan, Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rocks, and Bridalveil Fall. It is spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

VALLEY SERVICES

POST OFFICES

Yosemite Village
Main Office
Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 10am to noon
Yosemite Lodge
Post Office
Monday-Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

GROCERY, BOOKS, & GIFTS

Yosemite Village
The Ansel Adams Gallery
9am to 6pm
Yosemite Art & Education Center
9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4:30pm,
Yosemite Bookstore - Visitor Center
9am to 7:30pm
Yosemite Museum Store
9am to 5pm (may close for lunch)
Village Store Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Habitat Yosemite
10am to 5pm
Sport Shop
9am to 6pm
Tour Desk - Village Store
7:30am to 3pm

The Ahwahnee
The Ahwahnee Gift Shop
8am to 10pm
The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop
7am to 10pm

Yosemite Lodge
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Nature Shop
10am to 8pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 7pm
Curry Village
Mountain Shop
8am to 8pm
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 3pm
Housekeeping Camp
Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm



Top: Upper Yosemite Fall and Half Dome as seen from the Yosemite Falls Trail. *Photo by Christine White Loberg*
Above: Valley Floor Tour. *Photo by Pam Meierding*

Yosemite Valley

Where to Go & What to Do



The Heart of Yosemite National Park

The height of summer offers special opportunities for learning and adventure. Services are open longer and additional programs are available.

Yosemite Valley

Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

Visitor center and bookstore hours are 9 am to 7:30 pm. The visitor center is just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). The facility offers information, maps, and books. Explore the exhibits and learn how Yosemite's landscape formed and how people interact with it.

FILM: SPIRIT OF YOSEMITE

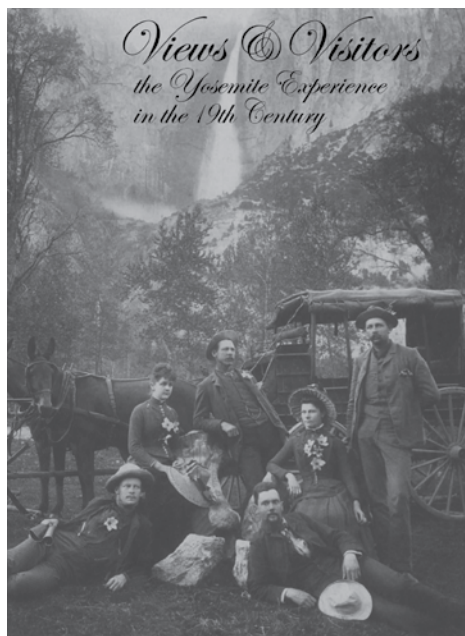
This inspiring visitor-orientation film provides a stunning overview of Yosemite's splendor. It is shown every 30 minutes, Monday through Saturday between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm, and Sunday between noon to 5:30 pm in the Valley Visitor Center Theater.

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center.

VIEWS & VISITORS: THE YOSEMITE EXPERIENCE IN THE 19TH CENTURY

This exhibit features paintings, prints, artifacts, and ephemera from Yosemite's early years. Historic hotel registers and the Grand Register of the Cosmopolitan are also on view. The exhibit includes an interactive kiosk related to the Grand Register and a digital slide show of historic visitors and hotels, and is open daily from June 16 through October 31. Hours through September 30 are 10 am to 4 pm, and in October from 10 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm. The exhibit is made possible by a grant from the Yosemite Conservancy.



INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Open 9 am to 5 pm. Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite's Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

Open daily from 9 am to 5 pm. The store offers books and traditional American Indian arts, crafts, jewelry, and books.

Ansel Adams Gallery

In Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center, the gallery is open daily from 9 am to 6 pm. The gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, other photographers and artists, camera walks, workshops, and classes. Activities are listed on the front porch. Call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

Wilderness Center

The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village adjacent to the post office. Hours are 7:30 am to 5 pm. Visit

the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters.

Yosemite Art & Education Center

The Yosemite Art & Education Center offers a selection of original art and art supplies, as well as four-hour art workshops Tuesday through Saturday (see page 6). Located south of the Village Store, the Center is open 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 4:30 pm daily.

Visitor Parking Information Station

Located in a yurt at the Yosemite Village Visitor Parking (see map on back of this Guide), this information station is open 10 am to 4 pm daily.

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Open 9:30 am to 5 pm daily. Designed for nature-exploring children and their families, the nature center offers natural-history exhibits and a bookstore. The nature center is a short walk from shuttle stop # 16.

Internet Access

Fee-based terminals are available at Degnan's Deli. Wireless access is offered at Yosemite Lodge (for a fee). Free access via terminals is available at the Mariposa County library, south of the Yosemite Cemetery at Yosemite Village (hours are limited).

Top right: Rangers with visitors. NPS photo by Erik Skindrud
Top center: Pine flower.
Top left: Summer fun along the Merced.
Photos by Bethany Gediman

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Yosemite Village

Degnan's Loft
Noon to 9pm
Degnan's Delicatessen
7am to 5pm
Degnan's Cafe
11am to 6pm
Village Grill
11am to 5pm

The Ahwahnee

Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10:30am
Lunch: 11:30am to 3pm
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
Sunday Brunch: 7am to 3pm
Reservations recommended for all meals, required for dinner.
209/372-1489
The Ahwahnee Bar
11am to 11pm

Yosemite Lodge

Food Court
Daily 6:30am to 8:30pm
Mountain Room Lounge
4:30pm to 11pm Mon.-Fri.
Noon to 11pm Sat.-Sun.
Mountain Room Restaurant
5:30pm to 9:00pm Sun-Thu
5:30pm to 9:30pm Fri-Sat
Reservations for 8 or more:
209/372-1281

Curry Village
Guest Lounge
8am to 10pm
Coffee Corner
6am to 10pm
Curry Village Bar
Noon to 10pm
Pavilion Buffet
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8pm
Pizza Deck
Noon to 10pm
Taqueria
11am to 5pm
Happy Isles Snack Stand
11am to 7pm

MEDICAL & DENTAL

Yosemite Medical Clinic

Emergency care: 24 hours daily.
Drop-in and urgent care: 8am to 7pm. Appointments: 8am to 5pm, M-F. (Also: Mountain Crisis Services for victims of domestic violence.)
Located on Ahwahnee Drive.
209/372-4637.

Dental Services

Located next to the Medical Clinic
209/372-4200 or 209/372-4637.

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

June 30 – August 3, 2010



A DNC Interpreter engages young park visitors during a Wee Wild Ones program.
Photo courtesy of DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite.

Outdoor Adventures and Custom Adventures

For more on Yosemite Conservancy’s field seminars, pick up a catalog at any park visitor center, call 209/379-2321, or visit www.yosemite.org. The Conservancy also offers individualized Custom Adventures for groups and families. Call ahead at least two weeks to arrange your own naturalist guide who will meet your interests and schedule.

- July 4-8** North Rim Backpack

July 10 Crane Flat Birding- Michael Ross.

July 10 Latinos in the Landscape

July 11 A Look at the Little Life of Yosemite – Insects, etc. that make Yosemite work.

July 11-14 Young Lakes Backpack

July 15-18 Tuolumne Meadows Pastels- Moira Donohoe and a special art.

July 16-18 Tuolumne Meadows Wildflowers –

July 16-18 Half Dome Overnight

July 17-20 Family Camping Jamboree 1 – Bring
- the tent and kids; we do the cooking.

July 22-25 Family Camping Jamboree 2 – We do the activities for families in nature.

July 23-25 The Nature of Writing for Children – Author Michael Ross inspires.

July 23-25 Sierra Nevada Natural History – David Lukas literally wrote the book.

July 29-August 1 Half Dome Made Easy – Two nights up allows a mellow pace.

July 30-August 1 Tuolumne Alpine Studies – Michael Ross and a changing landscape.

Habitat Protectors of Yosemite

Wednesdays, 9 am to noon, Yosemite Valley Visitor Center

Join Yosemite Resources Management & Science staff for a stewardship project. Help preserve and protect native habitat in Yosemite Valley and learn about the park’s resources management program. Help keep Yosemite’s ecosystem healthy and intact for the enjoyment of future generations! Volunteers must wear long-sleeves, long pants, and sturdy shoes or boots. Gloves and tools will be provided. Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center at 9 am.

Yosemite Mountaineering School

YMS, operated by DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, offers rock climbing classes, guided climbs, custom backcountry trips, and daily hikes with professional guides: 209/372-8344.

Art Workshops

The Yosemite Art & Education Center offers art workshops from 10 am to 2 pm Tuesday through Saturday. Register for classes in advance: 209/372-1442 (suggested donation of \$5, supplies extra). Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Be prepared to work outdoors.

- June 29 - July 3**

July 6 - July 10

July 13 - July 17

July 20 - July 24

July 27 - July 31
- Chris Van Winkle, Watercolor on Location**

Lidia Shaddow, Mixed Media Play - Out of the Box

Linda Mitchell, Fun With Watercolor

Laura Williams, Yosemite Plein Air

Jim Kingwell, Painting From the Hip

LeConte Memorial Lodge

LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm, with evening programs Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, and some Thursday evenings. Evening programs are scheduled for 8 pm and are free. The Lodge has a library, children’s corner, and a new climate change exhibit. The Lodge is located at shuttle stop #12.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Valley Chapel, Sunday 9:15am, 11am, & 6:30pm; Thursday 7pm; Tuesday Bible studies
Info: 209/372-4831

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Mass: Saturday, 6 pm at Lower Pines Amphitheater; Sunday, 10am at Valley Visitor Center Wednesday & Friday, 6:30 pm, 9006 Cedar Ct. in Yosemite Village, 209/372-4729.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
El Portal Chapel / Worship: Sunday 11am
Info: 209/379-2100

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
Lower River Amphitheater, Saturday (except Jul 17) 9:45 am Music/Sabbath School, 11 am. Worship, 12:30 pm potluck. 209/586-4325

LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Sacrament meetings. Sunday 1pm.
Memorial Day - Labor Day. Yosemite Chapel.

A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS
9am Sunday at Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
7:30pm Sunday, Tuesday, & Thursday
DNC General Office Bldg. Yosemite Village.

LIONS CLUB
First and third Thursday of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee. Call 209/372-4475.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
Thursday at noon at The Ahwahnee.
Reservations / information: 209/372-8459.

	MORNING
Sunday	8:30am Photo Walk 1½ hrs. Limited space. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) 9:00am CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Free Discovery Hike – Vernal Fall Bridge 3½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. Curry Village Mountaineering School (YMS) \$ 10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)
Monday	8:30am Photo Walk 1½ hrs. Limited space. Sign up in advance at the Ansel Adams Gallery. Meet at The Ahwahnee (AAG) 9:00am Bike to Hike Tour 2½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. Curry Village bike stand (YMS) \$ CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Free 10:00am Ranger Stroll – Yosemite’s First People 1½ hrs. Meet in front of the Yosemite Museum (NPS) FAMILY ART PROGRAM 1½ hrs. Yosemite Art & Education Center (YC) <div>Programs printed in ALL CAPS & COLOR are especially for CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES</div>
Tuesday	8:30am Photo Walk 1½ hrs. Limited space. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) 9:30am Adventure Hike – Vernal/Nevada Falls 6 hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. Curry Village Mountaineering School (YMS) \$ 10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) Art Class 4 hrs. See page 6 for details. Yosemite Art and Education Center (YC) \$ 11:00am CHILDREN’S PHOTO WALK 1 hr. Limited space. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG)
Wednesday	9:00am HABITAT PROTECTORS OF YOSEMITE (HAPY) 3 hrs. Volunteer project. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) Bike to Hike Tour 2½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. Curry Village bike stand (YMS) \$ 10:00am Art Class 4 hrs. See page 6 for details. Yosemite Art and Education Center (YC) \$
Thursday	8:30am Photo Walk 1½ hrs. Limited space. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) 9:00am Discovery Hike – Vernal Fall Bridge 3½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. Curry Village Mountaineering School (YMS) \$ CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Free 10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) Art Class 4 hrs. See page 6 for details. Yosemite Art and Education Center (YC) \$ 11:00am CHILDREN’S PHOTO WALK 1 hr. Limited space. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG)
Friday	8:30am Photo Walk 1½ hrs. Limited space. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) 9:00am CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Free & 9:30am Adventure Hike – Vernal/Nevada Falls 6 hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. Curry Village Mountaineering School (YMS) \$ 10:00am Art Class 4 hrs. See page 6 for details. Yosemite Art and Education Center (YC) \$ 10:30am LITTLE TYCOONEY & THE BIG YOSEMITE RACE (July 23 only) 1hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge, shuttle stop #12 (SC)
Saturday	8:30am Photo Walk 1½ hrs. Limited space. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) 9:00am Bike to Hike Tour 2½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. Curry Village bike stand (YMS) \$ CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Free 9:30am Yosemite Plants: Botany Walk (July 10 only) 1½ hrs. Limited space. LeConte Memorial Lodge, shuttle stop #12 (SC) 10:00am Art Class 4 hrs. See page 6 for details. Yosemite Art and Education Center (YC) \$ 10:30am SKETCHING YOSEMITE (July 3 only) 1½ hrs. Limited space. LeConte Memorial Lodge, shuttle stop #12 (SC)

NPS	National Park Service		Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered.
DNC	DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Inc.		A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Contact 209/372-4726 (TTY) or 209/ 372-0296 to request an interpreter. Advance notice of 2 days is requested.
AAG	The Ansel Adams Gallery		Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request. Inquire at a visitor center.
AAC	American Alpine Club		
APN	American Park Network		
SC	Sierra Club		
YC	Yosemite Conservancy		
YMS	Yosemite Mountaineering School (operated by DNC)		
\$	Programs offered for a fee		

AFTERNOON			EVENING		
Sunday	1:30pm	JUNIOR RANGER WALK – BEARS 1½ hrs. Recommended ages 7-13. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)	6:00pm	Twilight Stroll (except July 4) 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) 🗺️ WEE WILD ONES (except July 4) 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 and under. Curry Village Amphitheater AND Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️	
	2:00pm	Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 🗺️ PENCIL SKETCHING BLACK BEARS (July 4 only) 1½ hrs. Limited space. LeConte Memorial Lodge, shuttle stop #12 (SC) The Story Within The Stone 2½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. Curry Village Mountaineering School (YMS) \$	7:00pm	JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION (July 4 only) 1½ hrs. Patriotic variety show for families. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️ Yosemite Theatre LIVE: Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$ 🗺️ July 4 & 11: <i>This is America</i> 1½ hrs. A film by Ken Burns about diverse national park pioneers. July 18 & 25 & August 1: Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier A live performance by Park Ranger Shelton Johnson. Tickets in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. LeConte Memorial Lodge 1 hr. Shuttle stop #12 (SC) July 11: Search & Rescue in Yosemite July 18: SKETCHING WITH A SHARPIE – MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS & LANDSCAPES July 25: Calamitous Lightning Episode on Half Dome August 1: Tree-mendous! Tribute to Poetry & Music of Yosemite Trees Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) 🗺️ Evening Program (except July 4) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️ Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️ STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY (except July 4) 1-1½ hrs. Tickets at any tour desk (DNC) \$ 🗺️	
	3:00pm	Ranger Stroll – Rivers and Waterfalls 1½ hrs. Shuttle stop #11 (NPS) 🗺️	8:00pm		
	4:00pm	Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 🗺️ CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! (except July 11) 1 hr. Lower River Amphitheater; shuttle stop #12, across river from Housekeeping Camp (DNC) Free CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! (July 11 only) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Free 🗺️	8:30pm		
			9:00pm		
Monday	1:00pm	Discovery Hike – Columbia Rock 3½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. Curry Village Mountaineering School (YMS) \$	6:00pm	Twilight Stroll (except July 12) 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) 🗺️ WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 and under. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️ FAMILY STROLL 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️	
	1:30pm	JUNIOR RANGER WALK – GEOLOGY 1½ hrs. Recommended ages 7-13. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) Beginner Watercolor Class 1½ hrs. Ages 8-12 (YC) \$	7:00pm	JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) Yosemite Theatre LIVE: Vintage Songs of Yosemite 1½ hrs. Yosemite entertainer Tom Bopp performs live to historic images and films. Tickets in advance at the Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$ 🗺️	
	2:00pm	Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 🗺️	8:30pm	Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) 🗺️ Evening Program 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️ Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️ STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY (except July 12) 1-1½ hrs. Tickets at any tour desk (DNC) \$ 🗺️	
	3:00pm	Ranger Stroll – Bears 1½ hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS)	9:00pm		
	4:00pm	Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 🗺️ CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Free 🗺️			
Tuesday	12:00pm	Yosemite Forum - Great Gray Owls in Yosemite: Lessons Learned and Future Directions (July 13 only) 1 hr. Valley Visitor Center Auditorium (NPS) 🗺️	6:00pm	Twilight Stroll 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) 🗺️ WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 and under. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️ WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 and under. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️	
	1:00pm	LOWER YOSEMITE FALL FAMILY ACTIVITIES/ ACTIVIDADES DE FAMILIA DE CASCADA BAJA DE YOSEMITE 2 hr. Informal learning activities in English & Spanish for kids & adults / 2 horas, actividades de aprendizaje informales en Ingles y Espanol para los ninos y los adultos. (DNC) 🗺️	7:00pm	JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) Yosemite Theatre LIVE: Conversations With a Tramp – An Evening With John Muir 1½ hrs. A live performance featuring Lee Stetson. Tickets in advance at the Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$ 🗺️ Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) 🗺️ Evening Program 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️ Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️ STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY 1-1½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk (DNC) \$ 🗺️	
	1:30pm	JUNIOR RANGER WALK – WATER 1½ hrs. Recommended ages 7-13. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)	8:30pm		
	2:00pm	Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 🗺️ Using Your Digital Camera Class 4 hrs. Limited space. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) \$	9:00pm		
	3:00pm	Ranger Stroll – Geology Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 🗺️			
4:00pm	Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 🗺️				
Wednesday	1:00pm	Discovery Hike – Vernal Fall Bridge 3½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. Curry Village Mountaineering School (YMS) \$ Valley Visitor Center Auditorium (NPS) 🗺️ June 26: Open House 5 hrs. Come learn about park improvement efforts. July 28: Open House 3 hrs. Come learn about park improvement efforts.	6:00pm	Twilight Stroll 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) 🗺️ WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 and under. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️ WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 and under. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️	
	1:30pm	JUNIOR RANGER WALK –TREES 1½ hrs. Recommended ages 7-13. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)	7:00pm	JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) Yosemite Theatre LIVE: The Spirit of John Muir 1 ½ hrs. A live performance featuring Lee Stetson. Tickets in advance at the Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$ 🗺️	
	2:00pm	Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 🗺️	8:30pm	Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) & Evening Program 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️ Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️ STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY 1-1½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk (DNC) \$ 🗺️	
	3:00pm	Ranger Stroll – Bears 1½ hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) Fire Print Tour 1 hr Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG)	9:00pm		
	4:00pm	Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 🗺️			
Thursday	1:00pm	LOWER YOSEMITE FALL FAMILY ACTIVITIES/ ACTIVIDADES DE FAMILIA DE CASCADA BAJA DE YOSEMITE (except July 15/excepto el 15 de Julio) 2 hr. Informal learning activities in English & Spanish for kids & adults / 2 horas, actividades de aprendizaje informales en Ingles y Espanol para los ninos y los adultos. (DNC) 🗺️	6:00pm	Twilight Stroll (except July 1 & 15) 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) 🗺️ WEE WILD ONES (except July 15) 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 and under. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️ FAMILY STROLL (except July 15) 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️	
	1:30pm	JUNIOR RANGER WALK – CLIMATE CHANGE 1½ hrs. Recommended ages 7-13. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)	7:00pm	JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) Yosemite Theatre LIVE: The Spirit of John Muir 1 ½ hrs. A live performance featuring Lee Stetson. Tickets in advance at the Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$ 🗺️	
	2:00pm	Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 🗺️ In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams: Seeing Artistically with your Camera 4 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (AAG) \$ The Story Within The Stone 2½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. Curry Village Mountaineering School (YMS) \$	8:30pm	Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) 🗺️ Evening Program 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️ Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️ STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY (except July 15) 1-1½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk (DNC) \$ 🗺️	
	3:00pm	Ranger Stroll – Trees The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3 (NPS)	9:00pm		
	4:00pm	Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 🗺️ CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Lower River Amphitheater; shuttle stop #12, across river from Housekeeping Camp (DNC) Free			
Friday	1:30pm	JUNIOR RANGER WALK – WILDLIFE 1½ hrs. Recommended ages 7-13. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)	6:00pm	Twilight Stroll 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) 🗺️ WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 and under. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️ FAMILY STROLL (except July 2) 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️	
	2:00pm	Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 🗺️ SKETCHING NATURE (July 2 only) 1½ hrs. Limited space. LeConte Memorial Lodge, shuttle stop #12 (SC)	7:00pm	JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) Yosemite Theatre LIVE: Return to Balance: A Climber’s Journey 1½ hrs. A film and discussion featuring climber Ron Kauk. Tickets in advance at the Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$ 🗺️	
	3:00pm	Ranger Stroll – Bears 1½ hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS)	8:00pm	LeConte Memorial Lodge 1 hr. Shuttle stop #12 (SC) July 2: Step into Yosemite with Artist’s Eyes July 9: CLIMBING YOSEMITE’S WALLS July 16: Preventative Search & Rescue in Yosemite July 23: LITTLE TYCOONEY & THE BIG YOSEMITE RACE July 30: ALONG THE JOHN MUIR TRAIL	
	4:00pm	Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 🗺️ CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! (except July 16) 1 hr. Lower River Amphitheater; shuttle stop #12, across river from Housekeeping Camp (DNC) Free CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! (July 16 only) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Free &	8:30pm	Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) 🗺️ Film: Ansel Adams 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AAG) 🗺️ Evening Program 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️ STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY 1-1½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk (DNC) \$ 🗺️	
			9:00pm		
Saturday	1:00pm	Naturalist’s Walk In Spanish/Paseo Del Naturalista En Espanol 1 hr. Front of the Visitor Center/ El frente del Centro Del Visitante del Valle (DNC) 🗺️ Discovery Hike – Four Mile Trail to Union Point 3½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YMS) \$	6:00pm	Twilight Stroll 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) 🗺️ WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 and under. Curry Village Amphitheater AND Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️	
	1:30pm	JUNIOR RANGER WALK – AHWAHNEECHEE 1½ hrs. Recommended ages 7-13. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)	7:00pm	JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) Yosemite Theatre LIVE: Return to Balance: A Climber’s Journey 1½ hrs. A film and discussion featuring climber Ron Kauk. Tickets in advance at the Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$ 🗺️	
	2:00pm	Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 🗺️ Using Your Digital Camera Class 4 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) \$	8:00pm	LeConte Memorial Lodge 1 hr. Shuttle stop #12 (SC) July 3: Drawing from Nature July 10: Yosemite’s Plant Life July 17: SKETCHING BEARS, BUTTERFLIES & TREES WITH A SHARPIE July 24: Literature of the Sierra: Illuminated Landscape July 31: ACROSS THE RANGE: HIKE SEQUOIA NP to MT. WHITNEY	
	3:00pm	Ranger Stroll – Bears 1½ hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS)	8:30pm	Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) 🗺️ Evening Program 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) 🗺️ Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC/AAC) 🗺️ STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY 1-1½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk (DNC) \$ 🗺️	
	4:00pm	Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 🗺️ CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Free 🗺️	9:00pm		

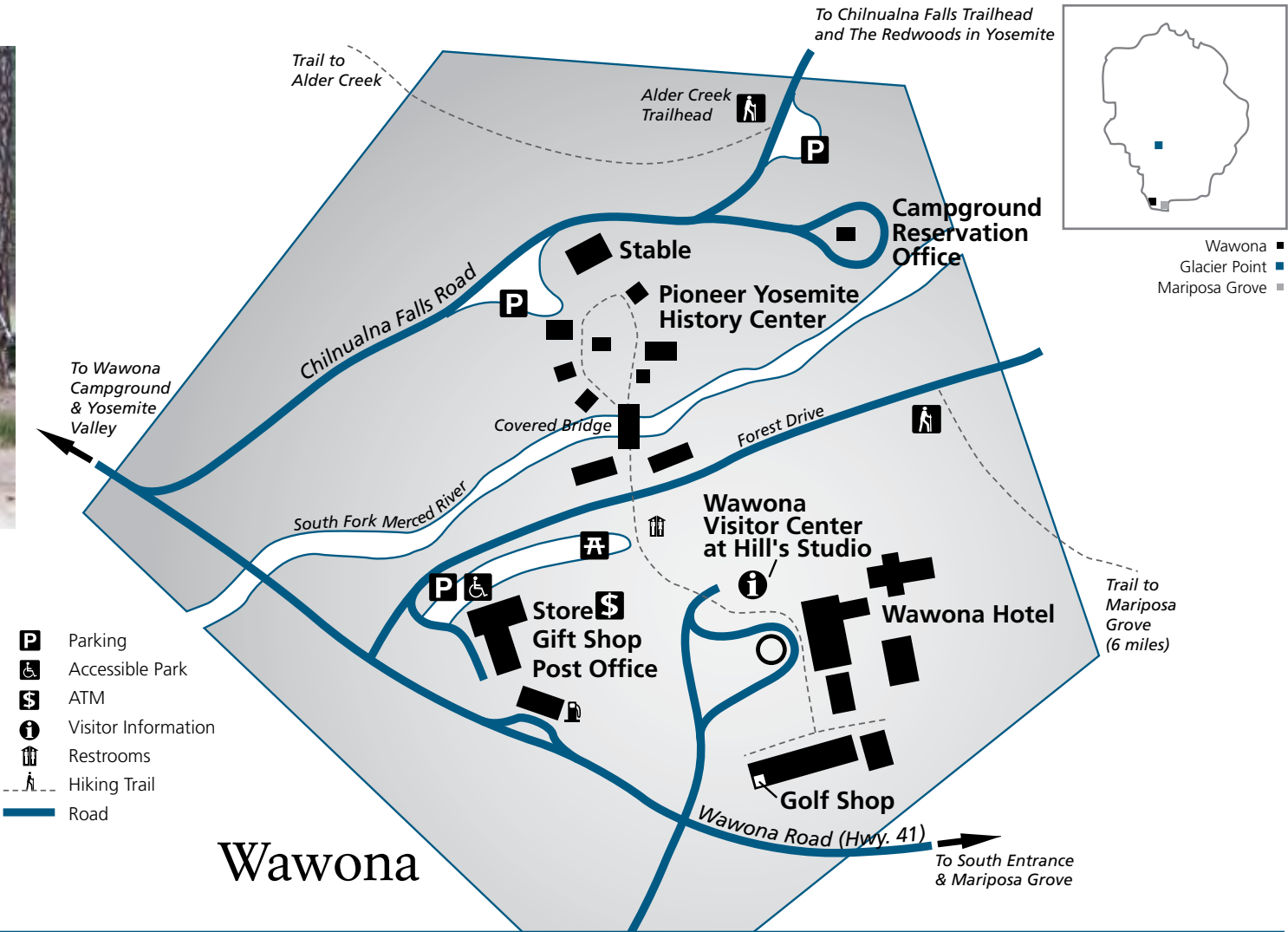
Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point



Horse-drawn stage ride. NPS photo by Susan Michael

Explore History Discover Giant Trees Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer unique opportunities to visit historic and natural landmarks.



Wawona & the Mariposa Grove

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

Open 8:30 am to 5 pm, the visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store parking area and follow the path up the hill. 209/375-9531.

Coffee with a Ranger

Grab your mug and join a ranger in the Wawona Campground Amphitheater for coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Use this time to plan your day or get other questions answered. See page 9, at right, for dates and times.

Ranger Evening Programs

Join a ranger around a campfire for an hour of nature, history, and insight into Yosemite. Topics vary nightly. See page 9, at right, for dates, times, and locations.

Evening Programs at the Wawona Hotel

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and stories

from Yosemite's past. Once or twice a week, he will present an hour-long interpretive program on the vintage songs of Yosemite, or on the history of Wawona, with slide or music accompaniment.

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center explores Yosemite's history and explains how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The history center is always open, and interpretive signs and brochures are available.

Live Demonstrations

See page 9, at right, for dates and times.

EXPERIENCE HORSE-DRAWN TRAVEL

Travel into history by taking a 10-minute horse-drawn stage ride. Tickets may be purchased at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. \$4/ adults and \$3/child (ages 3-12).

BLACKSMITH SHOP

Smell the burning coal, hear the ring of the hammer on the anvil, and watch a demonstration of the ancient art of blacksmithing.

OLD-FASHIONED FOURTH OF JULY!

You are cordially invited to join the staff of the Pioneer Yosemite History

Center for an old fashioned celebration of the 4th of July! Activities will include a parade, speeches, and games, such as Gunny Sack Races, Three-Legged Races, Egg Toss, and Tug-of-War. A fun time will be enjoyed by people of all ages. This celebration takes place at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center on July 4th between 2 and 4 pm.

Mariposa Grove

Located near Yosemite's South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove is the park's largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 large mature sequoias. A few of these giants are visible in the parking area. Information about access for people with disabilities is available at the tram boarding area.

Getting to Mariposa Grove

Allow 1 ¼ hours driving time to reach the grove from the Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the grove parking lot. The road may close due to limited parking, so use the free shuttle.

Trailers are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road. Private vehicles longer than 25 feet are not permitted on this road.

FREE MARIPOSA GROVE & WAWONA SHUTTLE

A shuttle stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the bus. Shuttles operate beginning at 9 am, and the last shuttle leaves the grove at 6 pm, or after the last tour.

Please use this free shuttle service to help reduce congestion and parking delays.

Mariposa Grove Ranger Walks

Rangers lead walks among the giant sequoias, explaining their natural history and historical importance. (See page 9 for schedule.)

Big Trees Tram Tour

A 1 ¼-hr. tram tour of the grove is available 9 am to 5 pm. This audio tour is available in five languages and for the visually impaired. Call 209/375-1621 or stop at a tour desk for more information.

Mariposa Grove Museum & Trails

Open 10 am to 4 pm daily. Located in the Upper Mariposa Grove, the museum offers information, displays on giant sequoias, and a small bookstore.

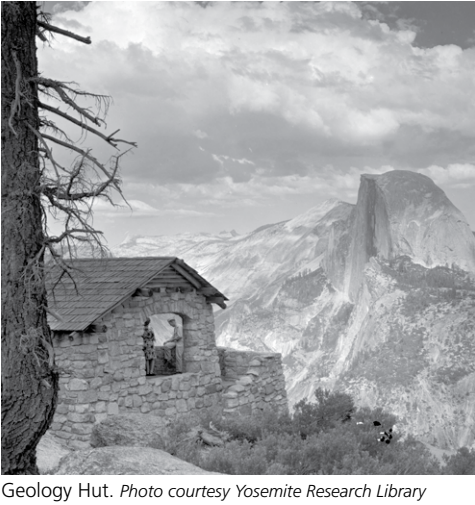
The trail to the Grizzly giant has new interpretive signs that provide a self-guiding tour. Translations are available in Spanish, German, French and Japanese.

Dogs and bikes are not allowed on trails and roads in the Mariposa Grove.

Shuttle Service to Yosemite Valley

FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE BETWEEN WAWONA AND YOSEMITE VALLEY

The bus departs daily from the Wawona Hotel at 8:30 am and from the Wawona Store at 8:35 am. The return trip departs from Yosemite Lodge at 3:30 pm.



Geology Hut. *Photo courtesy Yosemite Research Library*

Mule & Horseback Rides

Mule or horse rides begin at the Wawona Stable (see map to left). Open 7:30 am to 5 pm daily. 209/375-6502.

Glacier Point

Evening Programs

Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow (or moonrise) on the Sierra high country. Stargazing programs are offered, as well. Details at right.

Hours listed are core hours for facilities and may be extended during periods of peak visitation. Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Wawona

- Wawona Hotel Dining Room**
Breakfast: 7:30am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 1:30pm
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
Saturday BBQ: 5-7pm
- Golf Shop & Snack Stand**
9am to 5pm
when golf course is open

Glacier Point

- Snack Stand**
9am to 4pm

GROCERIES

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
8am to 8pm

GIFTS & APPAREL

Wawona

- Wawona Store & Pioneer Shop**
8am to 8pm
- Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio (Information and Books)**
8:30am to 5pm

Glacier Point

- Gift Shop**
9am to 6pm

Mariposa Grove

- Mariposa Grove Museum**
10am to 4pm
- Big Trees Gift Shop**
9am to 6pm

POST OFFICE

Wawona Post Office
Monday-Friday: 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to noon

GAS STATION

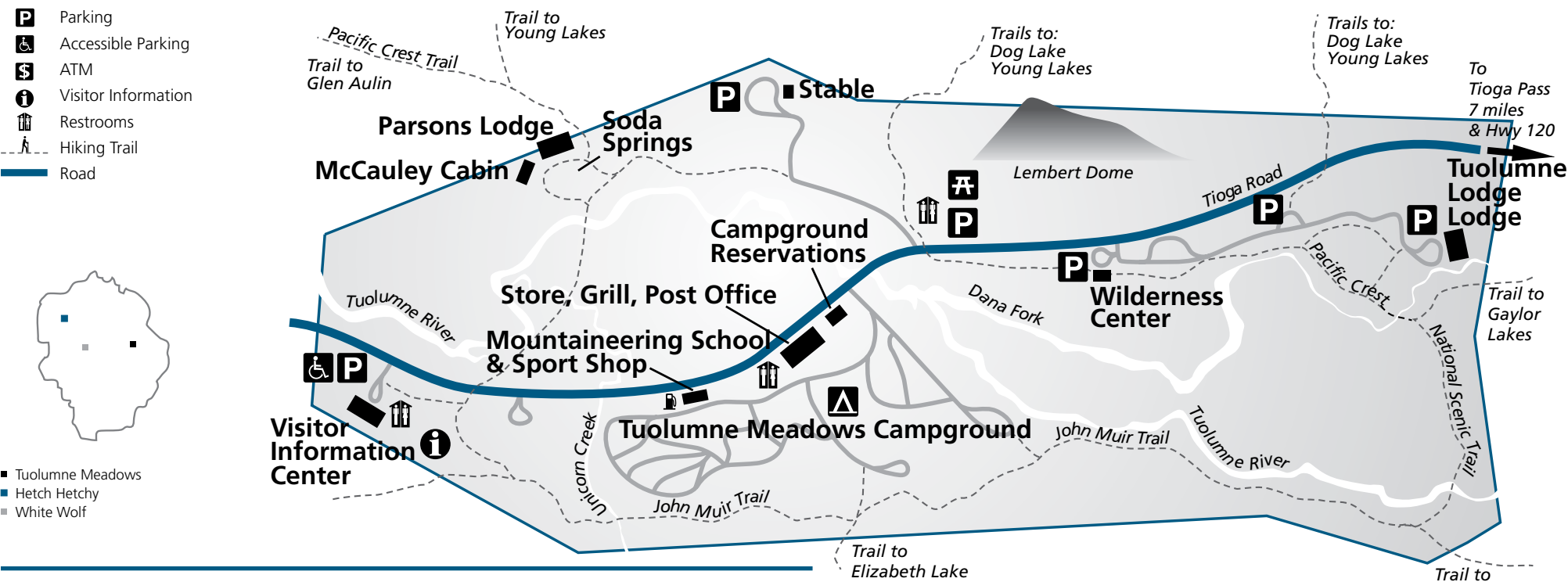
Wawona Gas Station
8am to 6pm Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

GOLF

Wawona Hotel Golf Course
9am to 5pm Weather and conditions permitting. Nine-hole, par-35 course.

	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	GLACIER POINT
Sunday	<div><div>8:00am</div><div>Coffee with a Ranger ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) </div><div>10:00am</div><div>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) Visit Yosemite’s Past (July 4 only) 2 hrs. Yosemite’s history comes to life at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) </div><div>10:00am – Noon / 2:00pm – 4:00pm</div><div>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (except July 4) 10 min. each Purchase tickets from Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$</div><div>10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm – 5:00pm</div><div>Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) </div><div>2:00pm</div><div>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) OLD-FASHIONED FOURTH-OF-JULY CELEBRATION (July 4 only) 2 hrs. Speeches, games, races, & fun! Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) Wawona History Stroll 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS)</div><div>3:00pm</div><div>Campfire Talk with a Ranger 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) </div></div>	<div><div>2:00pm</div><div>A Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan 1½ hrs. Easy. Meet in front of the Glacier Point Gift Shop (NPS)</div><div>7:00pm</div><div>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR 4½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk (DNC) \$ </div><div>7:30pm</div><div>Sunset Ranger Talk (August 1 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NPS) </div><div>7:45pm</div><div>Sunset Ranger Talk (except August 1) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NPS) </div></div>
Monday	<div><div>8:00am</div><div>Coffee with a Ranger ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) </div><div>10:00am</div><div>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (except July 19) 1½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) WAWONA HOTEL FAMILY ACTIVITIES 2 hrs. Informal learning activities for kids & adults. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) </div><div>8:00pm</div><div>Campfire Talk with a Ranger (except July 19) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) </div><div>9:00pm</div><div>STARRY SKIES OVER WAWONA 1-1½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk (DNC) \$ </div></div>	<div><div>11:00am</div><div>Hike to the Hidden Illilouette Fall 3½ hrs. Moderately difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop (NPS)</div><div>7:00pm</div><div>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR 4½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk (DNC) \$ </div><div>8:00pm</div><div>Campfire Program 1 hr. Bridalveil Campground, Loop C (NPS)</div></div>
Tuesday	<div><div>8:00am</div><div>Coffee with a Ranger ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) </div><div>10:00am</div><div>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</div><div>2:00pm</div><div>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</div><div>5:30pm</div><div>Vintage Music Of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music & historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. Ask Tom for details. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) </div><div>8:00pm</div><div>Campfire Talk with a Ranger 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) </div></div> <div><div>Programs in ALL CAPS & COLOR are for CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES</div></div>	<div><div>10:00am</div><div>Ranger Wildflower Walk to McGurk Meadow 2 hrs. Meet at phone booth at Bridalveil Campground (NPS)</div><div>7:00pm</div><div>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR 4½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk (DNC) \$ </div><div>7:30pm</div><div>Sunset Ranger Talk (August 3 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NPS) </div><div>7:45pm</div><div>Sunset Ranger Talk (except August 3) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NPS) </div></div>
Wednesday	<div><div>8:00am</div><div>Coffee with a Ranger ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) </div><div>9:00am</div><div>Wawona History Stroll 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS)</div><div>10:00am</div><div>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</div><div>2:00pm</div><div>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</div><div>2:00pm – 4:00pm</div><div>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 min. each Purchase tickets from Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$</div><div>2:00pm – 5:00pm</div><div>Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) </div><div>5:30pm</div><div>Vintage Music Of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music & historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. Ask Tom for details. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) </div><div>8:00pm</div><div>Campfire Talk with a Ranger 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) </div></div>	<div><div>2:00pm</div><div>Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/ Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road (NPS)</div><div>7:00pm</div><div>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR 4½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk (DNC) \$ </div><div>7:30pm</div><div>Sunset Ranger Talk (July 28 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NPS) </div><div>7:45pm</div><div>Sunset Ranger Talk (except July 28) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NPS) </div></div>
Thursday	<div><div>8:00am</div><div>Coffee with a Ranger ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) </div><div>10:00am</div><div>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</div><div>10:00am – Noon / 2:00pm – 4:00pm</div><div>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 min. each. Purchase tickets from Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$</div><div>10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm – 5:00pm</div><div>Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) </div><div>2:00pm</div><div>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</div><div>5:30pm</div><div>Vintage Music Of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music & historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. Ask Tom for details. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) </div><div>8:00pm</div><div>Campfire Talk with a Ranger 1 hr. Topics vary nightly. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) </div></div>	<div><div>2:00pm</div><div>A Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan 1½ hrs. Easy. Meet in front of the Glacier Point Gift Shop (NPS)</div><div>7:00pm</div><div>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR 4½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk (DNC) \$ </div><div>8:00pm</div><div>Campfire Program 1 hr. Bridalveil Campground, Loop C (NPS)</div></div>
Friday	<div><div>8:00am</div><div>Coffee with a Ranger ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) </div><div>10:00am</div><div>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</div><div>10:00am – Noon / 2:00pm – 4:00pm</div><div>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 min. each. Purchase tickets from Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$</div><div>10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm – 5:00pm</div><div>Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) </div><div>1:00pm</div><div>Open House – UC Merced Sierra Nevada Research Institute 4 hrs. Presentations about ongoing research and education programs. Sunroom, Wawona Hotel (YFS)</div><div>2:00pm</div><div>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</div><div>5:30pm</div><div>Vintage Music Of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music & historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. Ask Tom for details. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) </div><div>8:00pm</div><div>Campfire Talk with a Ranger 1 hr. Topics vary nightly. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) </div></div>	<div><div>8:00am</div><div>Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Bridalveil Campground Host site (NPS)</div><div>10:00am</div><div>Ranger Wildflower Walk to McGurk Meadow 2 hrs. Meet at phone booth at Bridalveil Campground (NPS)</div><div>7:30pm</div><div>Sunset Ranger Talk (July 30 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NPS) </div><div>7:45pm</div><div>Sunset Ranger Talk (except July 30) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NPS) </div><div>8:30pm</div><div>Stars Over Yosemite (except July 23) Astronomy club and telescope viewing. Glacier Point Amphitheater (NPS) Free </div></div>
Saturday	<div><div>8:00am</div><div>Coffee with a Ranger ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) </div><div>9:00am</div><div>JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM 1½ hrs. Wawona Campground Amphitheater Especially for kids 7-13 (NPS)</div><div>10:00am</div><div>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</div><div>10:00am – Noon / 2:00pm – 4:00pm</div><div>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 min. each. Purchase tickets from Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$</div><div>10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm – 5:00pm</div><div>Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) </div><div>1:00pm</div><div>A Glimpse of the Wawona Miwok Indians (July 24 only) 1 hr. Meet at Mountaineer’s Cabin, Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) </div><div>2:00pm</div><div>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</div><div>5:30pm</div><div>Vintage Music Of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music & historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. Ask Tom for details. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) </div><div>8:00pm</div><div>Campfire Talk with a Ranger 1 hr. Topics vary nightly. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) </div></div>	<div><div>2:00pm</div><div>Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/ Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road (NPS)</div><div>7:00pm</div><div>Full Moon Hike to Sentinel Dome (July 24 only) 2 hrs. Dress warmly. Meet at Sentinel Dome parking area (NPS)</div><div>7:30pm</div><div>Sunset Ranger Talk (July 31 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NPS) </div><div>7:45pm</div><div>Sunset Ranger Talk (except July 31) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NPS) </div><div>8:30pm</div><div>Stars Over Yosemite (except July 24) Astronomy club and telescope viewing. Glacier Point Amphitheater (NPS) Free </div></div>

Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat



High Sierra Peaks and Quiet Corners of the Park

These areas offer amazing vistas and opportunities for solitude. Hiking, backpacking, and ranger-led programs are popular activities.

Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Opening date depends on conditions. Open 9 am to 6 pm. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays available. 209/372-0263.

Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs

Two trails, both flat and ¾-mile long, lead to this historic area, which is accessible only by walking. Parsons Memorial Lodge may be open from 10 am to 4 pm beginning in early July. Soda Springs are small, naturally-carbonated springs that attract birds and deer, especially at sunrise and sunset.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Open 7:30 am to 5 pm. The wilderness center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, at shuttle stop #3.

The wilderness center offers maps, wilderness permits, bear canister rental, and guidebooks.

Just for Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers, a two-hour, ranger-led program (ages 7–12), and Campfire for Kids. Check local postings for program schedule *possibly* beginning July 3.

Ranger Walks

Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, birds, flowers, history, the Tuolumne River, and more. These walks range from one to eight hours and, except for the long walks, are fairly easy. On Friday, end your day with a Music Walk. This easy stroll will inspire and delight. Check local postings for program schedule *possibly* beginning July 3.

Evening Activities

Come to a traditional, ranger-led campfire program for stories, songs, and insight into Yosemite. Program topics vary, and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. End your day with a star program (bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly). Check local postings for program schedule *possibly* beginning July 3.

Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series

All programs, unless otherwise noted, begin at 2 pm and last about an hour. Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial Lodge from either Lembert Dome parking area or the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Admission is free.

Saturday, July 17 Walk the Sky: Following the John Muir Trail

Slide presentation by John Dittli, photographer, and Mark Schlenz, writer, with musicians Jane Freeburg, Annie Cashner, and Dave Herbst

Sunday, July 18

A Tale of Two Pikas: From the Sierra to the Roof of the World
Slide presentation by Andrew Smith, Arizona State University

Saturday, July 24, 2 pm - 5 pm The Wild

Talk and discussion with Jack Turner, writer and president of Exum Mountain Guides

Sunday, July 25

Sister Parks of the Middle Kingdom
Slide presentation by Pete Devine, Resident Naturalist, Yosemite Conservancy

Saturday, July 31 Ooolation! Singers

A performance of nature-inspired music by young singers led by hammer dulcimer player Malcolm Dalglish, singers Naomi Dalglish, Joshua Kartes, Jeff Fellingner, and Rachel Becker

Sunday, August 1, 2 pm - 5 pm Sounds Amid Stillness

Slide presentation, auditory tour, and discussion with Kurt Fristrup, NPS National Natural Sounds Program

Mule & Horseback Rides

Mule or horse rides begin at the Tuolumne Meadows Stable (see map above). Open 7:30 am to 5 pm daily beginning June 25, conditions permitting. 209/375-6502.

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open 8 am to 5 pm. The information station offers general park information, books, and maps. It also provides wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, and backpacking information.

Merced Grove

Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of about 20 trees accessible only on foot. It’s a three-mile round-trip hike (about three hours) into the grove from Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance, the trail is marked by a sign and post labeled B-10.

Tuolumne Grove

This cluster of about 25 sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of Big Oak Flat and Tioga Roads. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the grove. The path drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can seem much easier than the return to the parking lot. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Grill

8am to 5pm

Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room

Breakfast: 7am to 9am

Dinner: 5:50pm to 8pm

Meals are served family style, and reservations are required.

Call 209/372-8413

White Wolf

White Wolf Lodge (opens July 2)

Breakfast: 7:30am to 9:30am

Take-out Lunch: noon to 2pm

Dinner: 6pm to 8pm

Reservations recommended.

Call 209/372-8416.

GROCERIES

Tuolumne Meadows

Store

8am to 8pm

Crane Flat

Store

8am to 8pm

GIFTS & APPAREL

Tuolumne Meadows

Mountaineering School and Sport Shop

8:30am to 6pm

Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore

Inside the Visitor Center

9am to 6pm

Tuolumne Meadows Store

8am to 8pm

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

7:30am to 5pm daily

POST OFFICE

Tuolumne Meadows

Post Office

Monday – Friday: 9am to 5pm

Saturday: 9am to 1pm

GAS STATIONS

Tuolumne Meadows

9am to 5pm

Gas and propane available.

Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

Crane Flat

8am to 8pm

Diesel & propane available.

Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

FREE SHUTTLE BUS

Olmsted Pt. / Tuolumne / Tioga Pass

Free shuttle service is available along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass. Service begins June 11, conditions permitting.

Shuttles travel between Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Olmsted Point with stops along the Tioga Road, including Tuolumne Meadows Campground and the visitor center. The shuttle also makes morning and afternoon runs to Tioga Pass.

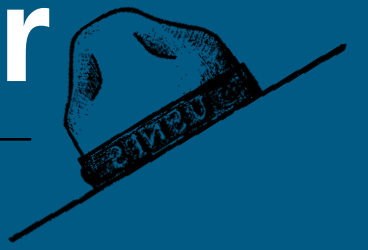
Service begins at the Lodge at 7 am. Shuttles arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 7 am and 7 pm. The last shuttle leaves Olmsted Point at 6 pm. Schedules are subject to change. Please check route maps at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center or shuttle stops for details.

	TUOLUMNE MEADOWS		WHITE WOLF	CRANE FLAT HODGDON MEADOW HETCH HETCHY
	ALL PROGRAMS TENTATIVELY BEGIN JULY 3, 2010.		* Programs happen only when White Wolf Campground is open.	* Programs happen only when Crane Flat Campground is open.
Sunday	8:00am	Coffee with a Ranger* 1 hr. Bring questions and a cup. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	9:30am	JUNIOR RANGERS* 1½ hrs. White Wolf campfire circle (NPS)
	10:00am	Ranger Hike – Lambert Dome 3 hrs. Moderately strenuous 3-mile hike. Bring snacks and water. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2 (NPS)		
	10:00am	Ranger Walk – Indians in the High Country 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS)	8:00pm	Ranger Campfire Program* 1 hr. White Wolf campfire circle (NPS)
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 📍		8:00pm
	2:00pm	Parsons Summer Series Program (except July 4 & 11) 1-3 hrs. See page 10 for details (NPS)		Ranger Campfire Program* 1 hr. Crane Flat Campfire Circle (NPS)
	8:00pm	Campfire* 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)		
Monday	7:30am	Photographing Tuolumne Meadows (except July 5) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center porch (NPS)	9:00am	Ranger Walk – Bears and Other Wildlife* 2 hrs. White Wolf campfire circle (NPS)
	10:00am	Ranger Walk – Domes and Meadows 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 (NPS)		
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 📍	9:15pm	Starry, Starry Night* 1 hr. White Wolf Campground entrance (NPS)
	2:00pm	Ranger Walk – Bears and Other Wildlife 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS)		4:00pm
	7:00pm	CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS* ¾ hr. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 📍		
	8:00pm	Campfire* 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)		8:00pm
	8:30pm	Stars Over Mono 1½ hrs. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. Meet at South Tufa kiosk at Mono Lake (NPS) 📍		Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. Hodgdon Meadow Campground (check at kiosk for location) (NPS)
Tuesday	9:00am	Ranger Hike – Glen Aulin 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous 12-mile hike. Bring lunch, water, raingear, and shoes that can get wet for creek crossings. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS)	9:00am	Ranger Hike – North Dome 6 hrs. Strenuous 11-mile hike. Sign up in advance by calling 209/379-1899. Bring water, lunch & raingear. (NPS)
	10:00am	Botanical Walk with Cathy Rose 2 hrs. July 13: Parsons Lodge: Tuolumne Visitor Center shuttle stop #6 July 20: Pothole Dome: Shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29. July 27: Ellery Lake: Dam on east end of Ellery Lake outside Tioga Pass. August 3: Bennettville Junction of Saddlebag Lake Road and Tioga Pass Road (NPS)		
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 📍	7:00pm	CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS* ¾ hr. White Wolf campfire circle (NPS)
	2:00pm	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 (NPS)		
	7:00pm	Ranger Walk – Sunset ¾ hr. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS)		9:15pm
	8:00pm	Campfire* 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)		Starry, Starry Night 1¼ hrs. Crane Flat area. Limited to 30 people. Sign-up in advance by calling 209/379-1899 (NPS)
Wednesday	7:30am	Ranger Walk – Birds (except June 30) 2½ hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS)	7:30am	Birding with a Ranger* 2 hrs. White Wolf Campground entrance. Binoculars available (NPS)
	8:00am	Coffee with a Ranger* (except June 30) 1 hr. Bring questions and a cup. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)		
	10:00am	DISCOVERY WALK FOR LITTLE CUBS (except June 30) 50 min. Ages 4-6. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS)	9:30am	JUNIOR RANGERS* 1½ hrs. White Wolf campfire circle (NPS)
	12:00pm	Ranger Walk – Geology of Tuolumne Meadows (except June 30) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 (NPS)		
	1:30pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (except June 30) 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 📍	7:00pm	Twilight Stroll* 1½ hrs. White Wolf Campground entrance (NPS)
	7:00pm	Ranger Walk – Along the Tuolumne River (except June 30) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS)		
	8:00pm	CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS* (except June 30) ¾ hr. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 📍		7:00pm
	9:30pm	Campfire* (except June 30) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)		Ranger Walk – Stars (except June 30) 1 hr. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS)
Thursday	9:15am	Ranger Hike – Gaylor Lakes Basin (except July 1) 5-6 hrs. Strenuous 5-mile hike. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. Gaylor Lakes parking lot at Tioga Pass (NPS)	8:00am	Coffee with a Ranger* 1 hr. White Wolf campfire circle (NPS)
	10:00am	Ranger Walk – History of Tuolumne Meadows (except July 1) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center shuttle stop #6 (NPS)	5:00pm	Photographing Nature* 1½ hrs. White Wolf Campground entrance (NPS)
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (except July 1) 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 📍		
	2:00pm	Ranger Walk – Lake Exploration (except July 1) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 (NPS)	9:00pm	Night Prowl 1 hr. Explore nature after dark. Sign up in advance by calling 209/379-1899 (NPS)
	8:00pm	Campfire* (except July 1) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)		
Friday	8:00am	Coffee with a Ranger* (except July 2) 1 hr. Bring questions and a cup. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	9:00am	Ranger Hike – Lukens Lake* 4 hrs. Moderate 4.5-mile walk to a lovely lake.Meet at White Wolf Campground entrance. Bring water, lunch and raingear.(NPS)
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK (except July 2) 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2 (NPS)		
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (except July 2) 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 📍		1:00pm
	2:00pm	Ranger Walk – Wildflowers (except July 2) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS)	8:00pm	Ranger Campfire Program* 1 hr. White Wolf campfire circle (NPS)
	6:30pm	Ranger Walk – Music and Mountains (except July 2) 1¼ hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS)		
	8:00pm	Campfire* (except July 2) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)		8:00pm
Saturday				Ranger Campfire Program* 1 hr. Crane Flat Campfire Circle (NPS)
	7:30am	Ranger Walk – Birds 2½ hrs. Binoculars available. Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS)	10:00am	Ranger Stroll – Wildflowers* 2 hrs. White Wolf Campground entrance (NPS)
	9:15am	Ranger Hike – Mono Pass 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous 8-mile hike. Bring lunch, water, raingear, and shoes that can get wet for creek crossings. Mono Pass trailhead (NPS)		
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 2 hrs. Ages 7-12 Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS)	8:00pm	Ranger Campfire Program* 1 hr. White Wolf campfire circle (NPS).
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 📍		
	2:00pm	Parsons Summer Series Program (except July 3 & 10) 1-3 hrs. See page 10 for details (NPS)		
	8:00pm	Campfire* 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)		8:00pm
	9:30pm	Ranger Talk – Stars 1 hr. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS)		Ranger Campfire Program* 1 hr. Crane Flat Campfire Circle (NPS)

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Become a Junior Ranger



Ages 3 and up can earn a badge by exploring the park

Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.

With an adult, pick a trail to walk. See page 17 of this Guide or stop by a visitor center to choose your trail. As you go, walk quietly, watch, listen, and think.

- 1. Write the name of the trail you walked. _____
- 2. Explore with your senses! Record the following.

I see: _____

I hear: _____

I smell: _____

I touch: _____

Draw a picture of something you saw along the trail.

- 3. Learn to “leave no trace.” If you see trash or rubbish, please pick it up. Be sure to recycle any recyclable materials you pick up or bring along.
- 4. Learn more. Go to a ranger-led program or visit with an Indian Cultural Demonstrator. Have the ranger or demonstrator sign below.

Signed by: _____

- 5. Write down something you learned from a ranger or Indian Cultural Demonstrator.

- 6. Think about this. Why do people work to protect national parks?

- 7. When you complete this page, take it to a visitor center. There you will take your oath and receive your Junior Ranger badge.

Be a naturalist. Look for these common Yosemite animals. If you see one, make a note by the animal's picture below. If you don't see the animal below, try to draw it in the box on this page. Where did you see it? What was it doing? Also, remember never to feed or approach an animal.



Marmot



Coyote



Clark's nutcracker



Black bear



Golden-mantled ground squirrel



Mule deer

Illustrations by Tom Whitworth

Bears and Wildlife

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly



Sow and Cub. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Keeping Bears Wild (While protecting yourself and your property)

Top Three Ways to Keep Yosemite’s Black Bears Wild and Alive:

1. Store Your Food Properly.

Never leave unattended food strapped to the outside a vehicle or in a pickup truck bed.

(See table below for details.)

Four thousand to 20,000 calories worth of grasses, berries, acorns, and grubs—that’s the typical daily diet of most bears. It’s a lot easier for a bear to eat the thousands of calories of food in an ice chest than it is to spend all day nibbling at grasses. Their incredible sense of smell allows them to detect things we can’t, which helps them find food—a black bear can smell a dead deer three miles away. To top it off, bears have excellent vision and can see in color, so they recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food containers as potential food sources.

2. If you see a bear, scare it away or keep your distance.

You may not see a bear during your visit because they naturally avoid people. However, if you see one in a developed area (like a campground or parking lot),

act immediately to scare it away: Make noise and yell as loudly as possible. If there is more than one person, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear. If you see a bear anywhere else, consider yourself lucky—but keep your distance (at least 50 yards, or about the distance made by four shuttle buses parked end to end). If you get too close, you will be helping the bear become used to being around people. Bears that become comfortable around humans lose their natural fear of us and may become too aggressive. When that happens, they sometimes have to be killed.

3. Drive the speed limit.

The most common human-related cause of death for a black bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the cause of these accidental deaths.

Red Bear, Dead Bear

Did you notice the red bear markers as you drove through the park? Each of them mark a place where a bear was recently hit. Every year bears, hundreds of deer, and countless other animals are killed while trying to cross park roads. Many of these deaths could have been avoided if drivers observed posted speed limits.

Please remember that Yosemite National

Park is a wildlife preserve: by driving the speed limit you are helping to protect the park and its wildlife.

Backpackers: Save Your Food, Save A Bear

Bear resistant food canisters are 2.7-pound containers that can be used to store five or more days of backpacker food when meals are carefully planned. Canisters have an inset lid that bears are unable to open. When used correctly, bears learn that—although they smell like food—the canisters are not worth investigating.

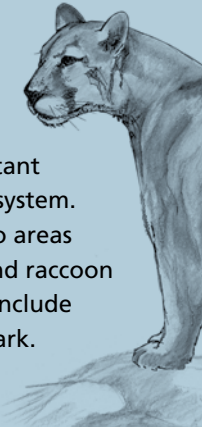
Bear canisters are available for \$5 per trip at the Valley Wilderness Center, the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio, Big Oak Flat Information Station, Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station. Canisters can be rented and retuned at any of these locations.

Report Bear Sightings!

To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously.

For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit www.nps.gov/yose/bears.

Mountain Lions



Mountain lions are a normal and important part of the park ecosystem. They are attracted to areas with healthy deer and raccoon populations, which include many areas of the park. Although lion attacks on humans are extremely rare, they are possible, just as is injury from any wild animal.

For your safety:

Do not leave pets or pet food outside and unattended. Pets can attract mountain lions.

Avoid hiking alone. Watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind on the trail. Teach children what to do if they see a lion.

What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?

Never approach one, especially if it is with kittens. Most lions will avoid confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.

Don’t run. Stay calm. Hold your ground, or back away slowly. Face the lion and stand upright. Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms. If you have small children with you, pick them up.

If the lion behaves aggressively, wave your arms, shout, and throw objects at it. The goal is to convince it that you may be dangerous. If attacked, fight back!

Mountain lions are magnificent creatures and native to Yosemite. Generally, they are calm, quiet, and elusive. Sightings are rare, so if you spot one, consider yourself privileged!

How to Store Food

“Food” includes any item with a scent, regardless of packaging. This may include items that you do not consider to be food, such as canned goods, bottles, drinks, soap, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, ice chests (even when empty), and unwashed items used for preparing or eating meals.

LOCATION	FOOD STORAGE	WHY?
Your Vehicle	You may store food inside your car (with windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark: use a food locker. Remember to clear your car of food wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats.	Bears can smell food, even if it’s sealed in the trunk or glove compartment, and they recognize boxes and bags as potential food sources. They can easily and quickly break into all kinds of vehicles!
Your Campsite or Tent Cabin	You must store all your food in food lockers—not in your tent or tent cabin. A food locker is available at each campsite and tent cabin. Food may be stored out of sight in hard-sided RVs with windows closed.	Bears may enter campsites when people are present, and some will even check food lockers to see if they’re secured. Keep food lockers closed and latched at all times, even when you are in your campsite or tent cabin.
Picnic Areas & on the Trails	Do not leave food unattended. Always keep food within arm’s reach. Don’t turn your back to your food.	Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert.
Backpacking in the Wilderness	Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite.	In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.

Note: Improper food storage may result in impoundment of your food or vehicle, a fine of up to \$5,000, and/or revocation of camping permit. Following these regulations and precautions decreases the chance of personal injury or property damage. However, bear damage and confrontations are still possible, even when all the regulations and guidelines are followed.



Protect Yourself and Yosemite

Keep safety in mind as you explore the park



Permit Required to Hike Half Dome

To address safety concerns related to increased crowding on the Half Dome cables, the National Park Service has instituted an interim permit system for 2010 and 2011. The system limits the number of people using the cables to about 400 people per day and is in effect on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays when the cables are up (until October 11 in 2010). A permit is not required to day-hike to Half Dome on other days.

Backpackers with an appropriate wilderness permit can receive a Half Dome permit when they pick up their wilderness permit. **Rock climbers** who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area can descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit.

No more permits are available for July or August 2010. Permits are also not available in the park or on a first-come, first-served basis.

You can find more information at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm.

Keep yourself safe while exploring your park.

There are many ways to experience the wildness of Yosemite. While the forces of nature can create unexpected hazardous conditions, with a little common sense and some pre-planning, you can minimize the risks associated with many activities.

Traffic Safety

Roads leading to the park are two-lane, narrow, and winding. When traveling on park roads you can protect yourself, other visitors, and park wildlife by observing the following simple rules: Please obey posted speed limits. Yosemite’s roads are used by both visitors and park wildlife. Use turnouts to pull completely out of traffic lanes, to take photos, consult the park map, or simply enjoy the park’s scenery and wildlife.

Bring Water

Avoid dehydration and heat exhaustion by carrying and drinking plenty of water. Filters or other treatment methods are essential. (See “Water Quality” at right.)

Hiking, Backpacking, Rock Climbing, and Scrambling

- Be honest about your abilities and plan with the least experienced member of your group in mind. Tell someone where you are going and when you are due back. Carry a signal mirror and whistle. Solo activities require increased precautions.
- Stay on designated trails and routes. Carry and know how to use a map and compass.

- Avoid scrambling in steep terrain or off-trail. If new to climbing, take a class to learn critical safety and protection techniques. Never climb alone.
- Check weather forecasts. Storms can occur with little warning. Snow is possible year-round at higher elevations, and can make route finding difficult. Temperature shifts are common.
- Avoid dehydration or heat exhaustion; carry and drink plenty of water, and bring high-energy food.
- Be prepared to set up emergency shelter even when out just for the day.
- Don’t depend on cell phone or GPS reception for your safety.

Protect Yosemite’s Wilderness

- Free wilderness permits are required for all wilderness trips.
- Pack out all trash and toilet paper/sanitary products.
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- Use gas stoves, not wood fires.
- Camp in an existing campsite at least 100 feet from water and trail. You must camp four trail miles from any populated area and one mile from any road.

- To minimize trampling of vegetation, bring a container to carry water to your camp from lakes or streams.
- Maximum group is 15 people for on-trail and eight for off-trail travel.

Wilderness Permits

Free permits are required for overnight trips. Permits are issued at Yosemite Valley, Big Oak Flat, Wawona, Tuolumne Meadows, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station (opening times vary). You can reserve permits, but they must be picked up in person. Check the park’s website for trailhead availability and call 209/372-0740 to reserve a permit.

More Information

www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm

Leave No Trace: www.lnt.org

Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue www.friendofyosar.org

Top left: Half Dome cables. NPS Photo by Mark Fincher

Water Safety

Protecting park resources, bicycling, and pets in the park

The Water Ways

Not long ago, many areas along the Merced River showed signs of human trampling. Now, because of the careful actions of park staff and visitors, many of these areas have been restored to more natural conditions. The plants, birds, insects, and animals that depend on living in or near the water have been able to return to these once barren areas. You can help continue this progress by entering and exiting the river at designated launch and removal points. Packing out what you pack in will also help keep the river free from trash and prevent animals from swallowing harmful plastic or aluminum.

Please observe the following safety tips to protect Yosemite’s river and lakeshore habitats and to safely enjoy water activities throughout the park.

Swimming

Choose swimming areas carefully and swim only during low water conditions.

- Always supervise children closely.
- Avoid areas of whitewater, where streams flow over rocky obstructions.
- Never swim or wade upstream from of a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. Each year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.
- Swimming is not permitted in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir or in Emerald Pool above Vernal Fall.

River Crossings

In summer, rivers and creeks swollen by runoff from snowmelt are dangerous.

- Stay away from river and creek banks during high water conditions and avoid rock hopping. Stream-polished rocks along the water’s edge are slippery when wet or dry.
- If you choose to cross a stream without a bridge, avoid places where the water is either swift or over your knees. Use a stick or pole for balance and try to cross where there is a gravel bottom. Crossing on a natural bridge

of rocks or logs can be surprisingly slippery. Consider where you will land if you fall. Never cross above rapids or falls. To prevent being pulled under by the weight or your pack, unbuckle the waist strap so you can shed it if you fall in. Do not tie yourself into safety ropes—they can drown you.

Rafting

Conditions permitting, rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley (Stoneman Bridge to Sentinel Beach) and the South Fork of the Merced River in Wawona is open from 10 am to 6 pm daily to any type of non-motorized vessel or other flotation device.

Raft Rentals

Raft rentals will be available from 10 am to 4 pm at Curry Village Recreation Center **when conditions allow.**

- The entire length of the Merced River in Yosemite Valley is closed to all flotation devices whenever the river gauge at Sentinel Bridge reads 6.5 feet or higher. Ask at a visitor center for conditions and obey all posted signs.
- You must wear or have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device immediately available.
- Fallen trees and other natural debris in the river create important habitat for fish and other wildlife. Be alert—they can also create hazards for rafters.

Fishing

Fishing in Yosemite is regulated by state law. A valid California sport-fishing license is required for those persons age 16 years and older. When fishing, the license must be plainly visible by attaching it to an outer layer of clothing above the waistline.

- Trout season runs through November 15 (except Frog Creek near Lake Eleanor, which opens June 15).
- Special fishing regulations apply on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley from Happy Isles downstream to the Foresta Bridge in El Portal. Within these reaches of the river, it is catch-and-release only for rainbow trout. Brown trout limits are five fish per day. Only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks may be used.
- The use of live or dead minnows, bait fish or amphibians, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is prohibited.

Water Quality

To protect yourself from disease, treat any surface water before drinking.

- Treatment methods include boiling for three minutes, use of a Giardia-rated water filter, or iodine-based purifier.
- To prevent the spread of Giardia and other water-borne disease organisms, use restroom facilities where available, and wash hands with soap and water. .

Help Guard Park Resources...

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park’s most important guardians. With nearly 4 million people watching over its special plants, animals, historic, and archeological sites, imagine how well-protected these park resources could be!

During your visit to Yosemite be aware that there are people who either unknowingly or intentionally harm park resources. Please contact a park official if you see any of the following illegal acts:

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants
- Hunting animals
- Collecting reptiles and butterflies
- Picking up archeological items, such as arrowheads
- Using metal detectors
- Driving vehicles into meadows
- Camping outside of designated campgrounds
- Possession of weapons inside federal facilities

If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, jot down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at 209/379-1992.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm and find a copy of the *Superintendent’s Compendium*. This document is a compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions made by the superintendent, in addition to what is contained in Title 36 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7 and 34), and other applicable federal statutes and regulations.

Pets

Kennel (open 8 am to 4 pm daily) is located at the Yosemite Valley Stable, should you need a place to board your dog (call 209/372-8348).

Keep in mind, in Yosemite, pet owners have a few rules to follow:

- Pets are only allowed in developed areas and on roads and paved bike paths. Pets are not allowed anywhere in the Mariposa or Merced sequoia groves. They are not allowed on trails, in wilderness areas, or where signs are posted prohibiting them.

- Pets must be on a leash (6 feet or less) or otherwise physically restrained.
- For the courtesy of others, human companions are responsible for cleaning up and depositing pet feces in trash receptacles.
- Pets are not allowed in any lodging facilities or other buildings within the park and are not allowed in some campgrounds.
- Pets may not be tied to an object and left unattended.

Bicycling

Bike rentals at Curry Village and Yosemite Lodge are open 9 am to 6 pm.

Each season, plants are crushed from bicycle travel in meadows, campgrounds, and picnic areas. Please respect park resources and keep bicycles on paved roads and paved bicycle trails.

Bikes are not allowed to travel off paved trails. Mountain biking opportunities are available in designated areas outside of Yosemite.



Upper Yosemite Fall in springtime. NPS Photo

Camping

Planning your camping experience



Camping in Yosemite. Photo by Ray Santos

General Information

To check same-day camping availability, call 209/372-0266

Services

- All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker (33" d x 45" w x 18" h). See page 5 for food storage regulations.
- Toilets are available in campgrounds; however, Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat have non-flushing vault toilets only and no potable water.
- Shower and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley.
- RVs over 24 feet are not recommended for Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat campgrounds, and RVs are not permitted in walk-in and group campsites. There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows.

Regulations

- Proper food storage is required 24 hours a day.
- A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
- Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 6 am.
- Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended.

Campfires

- In Yosemite Valley between May 1 and September 30, campfires are permitted between 5 pm and 10 pm. At other times of the year and in out-of-Valley campgrounds, fires are permitted at any time, as long as they are attended.
- Firewood collection (including pine cones and pine needles) is not permitted in Yosemite Valley; you may purchase firewood at stores near the campgrounds.

A primitive overnight experience

Yosemite National Park contains 13 popular campgrounds. Up to seven are on a reservation system, the rest are first-come, first-served. From April through September, reservations are essential and the first-come, first-served sites often fill by noon during these months.

Camping Reservations

Reservations are required March through October for campsites in Yosemite Valley’s car campgrounds and summer through fall for Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat, Wawona, and half of Tuolumne Meadows. All other campgrounds (except group and stock campgrounds) are first-come, first-served. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance, on the 15th of each month at 7 am Pacific time. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as some campgrounds fill within a few minutes of the opening period.

ARRIVAL DATE	FIRST DAY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS (7 AM PT)
Dec. 15 – Jan. 14	Aug. 15
Jan. 15 – Feb. 14	Sept. 15
Feb. 15 – Mar. 14	Oct. 15
Mar. 15 – Apr. 14	Nov. 15
Apr. 15 – May 14	Dec. 15
May 15 – Jun. 14	Jan. 15
Jun. 15 – Jul. 14	Feb. 15
Jul. 15 – Aug. 14	Mar. 15
Aug. 15 – Sep. 14	Apr. 15
Sep. 15 – Oct. 14	May 15
Oct. 15 – Nov. 14	Jun. 15
Nov. 15 – Dec. 14	Jul. 15

For campground reservations, visit www.recreation.gov (recommended) or call 877/444-6777 or TDD 877/833-6777 or 518/885-3639 from outside the US and Canada.

Hours:

7 am to 7 pm Pacific time
(November through February)

7 am to 9 pm Pacific time
(March through October)

Reservation offices in the park are located in the visitor parking area at Curry Village (shuttle bus stop #14), the Tuolumne Meadows Campground entrance, in Wawona off Chilnualna Falls Road, and at Big Oak Flat Information Station.

Yosemite Valley

There is a 30-day camping limit within Yosemite National Park in a calendar year; however, May 1 to September 15, the camping limit is 14 days and only seven of those days can be in Yosemite Valley or Wawona.

Camp 4 is a walk-in campground and is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis; these campsites are not wheelchair accessible. Sites are available on a per-person basis, and six

people will be placed in each campsite, regardless of number of people in your party. Camp 4 often fills before 9 am each day, May through September.

Camping in Areas Surrounding Yosemite

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) operates a variety of campgrounds on a seasonal basis near Yosemite. For additional information, contact Groveland Ranger Station at 209/962-7825; Mariposa Ranger Station at 209/966-3638; Mono Lake Ranger Station at 760/647-3044; or Oakhurst Ranger Station at 559/683-4636. For private campgrounds outside Yosemite, call the respective chamber of commerce or visitor bureau listed on page 10.

Group Campgrounds

There are group campsites at Tuolumne Meadows, Hodgdon Meadow, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek Campgrounds. Reservations can be made the same way as individual site reservations; 13 to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets, RVs, and generators are not permitted in group sites.

Campgrounds in Yosemite National Park

CAMPGROUND	OPEN IN 2010 (ESTIMATED)	MAX RV LENGTH	MAX TRAILER LENGTH	RESERVATIONS REQUIRED?	DAILY FEE	# OF SITES	PETS	WATER
YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Upper Pines	All year	35 ft	24 ft	March 15 - Nov 30	\$20	238	Yes	Tap
Lower Pines	March 24 – Nov 2	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$20	60	Yes	Tap
North Pines	March 26 – Oct 12	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$20	81	Yes	Tap
Camp 4	All year	No RVs/trailers	n/a	First-come, first-served	\$5/pers.	35	No	Tap
SOUTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Wawona	All year	35 ft	35 ft	June 20 – Sep 28	\$20	93	Yes	Tap
Bridalveil Creek	July 1 – TBD	35 ft	24 ft	First-come,first-served	\$14	110	Yes	Tap
NORTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Hodgdon Meadow	All year	35 ft	27 ft	Apr 10 – Oct 13	\$20	105	Yes	Tap
Crane Flat	July 1 – Oct 12	35 ft	27 ft	50%	\$20	166	Yes	Tap
Tamarack Flat	July ? – Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	52	No	Creek (boil)
White Wolf	July ? – Sep 13	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$14	74	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Creek	July ? – TBD	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	40	Yes	Creek (boil)
Porcupine Flat	July ? – Oct 15	24 ft (limited)	20 ft	First-come, first-served	\$10	52	No	Creek (boil)
Tuolumne Meadows	July 1 – Sep 27	35 ft	35 ft	50%	\$20	304	Yes	Tap

Hiking

Discover an easy stroll or a challenging hike



Choose your adventure

With over 800 miles of hiking trails, what better way to enjoy the beauty of Yosemite than on foot? Ask a ranger at any visitor center for one of several free, day-hike handouts. Excellent maps and guidebooks are available at bookstores throughout the park.

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
Bridalveil Fall	Bridalveil Fall Parking Area	0.5 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Lower Yosemite Fall	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock	Camp 4 Near Shuttle Stop #7	2 miles round-trip, 2–3 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Upper Yosemite Fall	Same as above	7.2 miles round-trip, 6–8 hours	Very Strenuous 2,700-foot gain
Mirror Lake (a seasonal lake)	Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #17	2 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Vernal Fall Footbridge	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	1.4 miles round-trip, 1–2 hours	Moderate, 400-foot gain
Top of Vernal Fall	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	3 miles round-trip, 2–4 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Nevada Fall	same as above	5 miles round-trip, 5–6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Top of Half Dome Permit required to hike to the top of Half Dome Friday-Sunday and holidays!	same as above	14 mi (via Mist Trail) or 16.3 mi (via John Muir Trail) round-trip, 10–12 hours	Extremely Strenuous, 4,800-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point	Southside Drive	4.8 miles one-way, 3–4 hours one-way	Very Strenuous, 3,200-foot gain
Valley Floor Loop	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	13 miles full loop, 5–7 hours full loop	Moderate

Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
WAWONA			
Wawona Meadow Loop	Wawona Hotel	3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours	Easy
Chilnualna Falls Trail	Parking 2 mi. up Chilnualna Falls Rd.	8.2 miles round-trip, 5 hours	Strenuous 2,400-foot gain
GLACIER POINT ROAD			
Taft Point	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Easy to Moderate
Sentinel Dome	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS AREA			
Soda Springs / Parsons Lodge	Lembert Dome Parking Area	1.5 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Lembert Dome	Lembert Dome Parking Area	4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderately Strenuous
John Muir Trail through Lyell Canyon	Dog Lake Parking Area	8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours	Easy, 200-foot gain
Elizabeth Lake	Tuolumne Meadows Group Campground	4.8 miles round trip, 4 to 5 hours	Moderate
TIOGA ROAD			
Lukens Lake	White Wolf ¹	5.4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderate
Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek	Porcupine Creek ¹	7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours	Moderate, 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Yosemite Creek	Lukens Lake Trailhead ¹	10.5 miles one-way, 5 to 9 hours	Moderately Strenuous 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Clouds Rest	Tenaya Lake ¹	19 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours	Strenuous
HETCH HETCHY			
Wapama Falls	O'Shaughnessy Dam	5 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Easy to Moderate

¹These are drop-off points via the Tuolumne Meadows Hikers’ Bus. Additionally, the Tuolumne Meadows free shuttle serves all Tuolumne Meadows hikes listed above.

Self-Guiding Trails

A Changing Yosemite
This one-mile-long walk through Cook’s Meadow explores both natural and cultural stories of Yosemite. Brochure available at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

Giant Sequoias
Two self-guiding trails in the Mariposa Grove, and one in the Tuolumne Grove, interpret the natural history and ecological dynamics of the giant sequoia community.

Mirror Lake
Mirror Lake interpretive trail is a short loop adjacent to Mirror Lake, a seasonal lake on Tenaya Creek. Exhibits focus on the rich natural history of the area, American Indian use, and history of this popular destination. To reach the start of the trail, walk one mile from shuttle stop #17 to the disabled parking spaces near the lake. The self-guiding trail begins here.

Indian Village
This short loop winds through the Indian Village of Ahwahnee, a reconstructed Miwok-Paiute village. A booklet is available at the trailhead and in the Visitor Center. The trail begins behind the Yosemite Museum.

Curry Village
The Legacy of Curry Village is an easy stroll commemorating the early days of Camp Curry. Pick up a map and guide at the Curry Village front desk or tour desk.

Masthead: Hikers. *Illustration by Lawrence W. Duke*

Top Left: Hikers. *Photo by Bob Roney*

Top Right: Hikers. *Photo by Bob Roney*

Wilderness

Feature article

By Park Ranger Ken Watson

The line wraps out from the porch and onto the sidewalk. Dozens of hopeful hikers wait, conversing quietly, as daybreak pours over the valley’s southern rim. Some hikers have been waiting for hours while others, not realizing the depths of passion and desire held by a few of their comrades, are just arriving. A quick survey of those in line reveals many hope for permits to spend the night in Little Yosemite Valley and then continue on to the summit of Half Dome, while others look to go deeper into the wildness. The wilderness center will not open for another hour and half, so the next logical question is “Why are you all here so early?”—but I do not really need to ask, because my passion for the places hidden in the wilds away from civilization runs just as deep as theirs. Fortunately for all of us Wilderness lovers, an earlier group’s passion ran even deeper.

In 1935, a small group of concerned professionals and scientists founded the Wilderness Society. Bob Marshall,



Lake and peaks... somewhere in the Yosemite Wilderness, where there are many secret places like this to explore! *Photo by Ken Watson*

future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness.” Initially, nine million acres forming 54 wilderness areas were protected under this act. The law also established the National Wilderness Preservation System, allowing Congress to protect more wild places

million acres.

While we all have our own personal definition of wilderness, the Act defines Wilderness “as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man,” as “land

move about freely, and for a sense of solitude. Not developing or designating campsites leaves the area untrammelled by man and the recreation unconfined as we can choose our own route and home for the night. As Wilderness users, we must uphold our end of the bargain too. We must respect one another to protect the sense of solitude and natural quiet. We must respect the natural community and abide by the regulations, understanding that their creation arose from a desire to leave the landscape unimpaired—not to unduly restrict our actions.

The Wilderness Act defines Wilderness “as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man” and having “outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.”

Aldo Leopold, Benton MacKaye, Robert Sterling Yard, and four others formed this early wilderness advocacy organization. They recognized even then how fast our nation was developing and chose to take action to protect some of our wild heritage. Finally, in 1964, after years of struggle and revisions, “In order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the United States and its possessions, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the Congress to secure for the American people of present and

as Wilderness. Nearly every year since, Congress has designated more land as Wilderness. There are now nearly 110 million acres in 756 areas federally designated as Wilderness. This acreage is equivalent to about 5 percent of the United States, or an area roughly the size of California. These areas range in size from six acres to over nine million acres and each was protected for unique reasons. In 1984, Congress passed the California Wilderness Act, welcoming Yosemite into the National Wilderness Preservation System. Now, with other recent additions, Yosemite—along with 10 other Wilderness areas—makes up the largest wilderness complex in the contiguous United States, nearly 2.5

retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation,” and “has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.” It is from these few simple and beautifully written phrases, along with our personal experiences, that we begin to form a land ethic—an ethic comprised of tangible and intangible values that guides us to do the right thing for the natural community while we are in the Wilderness or anywhere else. Those sentences also form the foundations of Wilderness law and policy. For example, camping away from water allows for the preservation of the natural community, for wildlife to

The existence of numerous regulations in the Wilderness may seem at odds with the Wilderness management goals of having unconfined recreation and freedom of choice, yet Wilderness is truly one of the most untrammelled places to be. Liberated from our busy lives and focused only on our next step—the wave of the Kuna Crest, the blue of Vogelsang Lake, or the spot we refuse to tell anyone about—the regulations fade away, morphing into our land ethic, as we become stewards of our passion.

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Providing for Yosemite's future

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It takes a legion of people working together to protect this special park for you and future generations of visitors. You, too, can extend your connection to Yosemite well after you return home by getting involved with the organizations that partner to preserve Yosemite.

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DNC encourages its employees to develop a strong relationship with the park during their tenure. For more information and employment opportunities with DNC at Yosemite, visit www.YosemitePark.com.



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Since 1971, thousands of school-age children have benefited from learning in "nature's classroom" through the residential field-science programs offered by Yosemite Institute (YI). A YI experience strives to foster a life-long connection to the natural world—whether it is in Yosemite, on a

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Yosemite Conservancy

Yosemite Conservancy is the new nonprofit formed by a merger of the Yosemite Association and The Yosemite Fund. The Conservancy has a long history in Yosemite with over 100 years of combined experience supporting the park. Yosemite Conservancy can make the difference you see around you because we are the only philanthropic organization that is dedicated exclusively to Yosemite.

Our mission remains the same: Providing for Yosemite's future is our passion. We inspire people to support projects and programs that preserve and protect Yosemite National Park's resources and enrich the visitor experience.

The Yosemite Conservancy has funded over 300 projects through \$55 million in grants to help preserve and protect the park. The work of the Conservancy can be found in every aspect of the visitor experience from trail restoration, bear-proof lockers and canisters, habitat restoration, outdoor education and so much more. Annually the Yosemite Conservancy recruits over 400 volunteers to work in the park to repair trails, remove invasive species, and provide visitor information.

For more information, visit park bookstores or online at yosemiteconservancy.org



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